

CHAPTER 2.2.5.

RABIES

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When importing from countries considered infected with rabies, *Veterinary Administrations* should require:

for dogs and cats

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the animals:

1) showed no clinical sign of rabies within 48 hours of shipment;

AND EITHER

2) were vaccinated against rabies:

a) not less than 6 months and not more than 1 year prior to shipment in the case of a primary vaccination, which should have been carried out when the animals were at least 3 months old;

b) not more than 1 year prior to shipment in the case of a booster vaccination;

c) with an inactivated virus vaccine;

3) were identified by a permanent mark before the vaccination (their identification number shall be stated in the certificate);

4) were subjected not less than 3 months and not more than 24 months prior to shipment to [a neutralising antibody titration test, and that their serum contained at least 0.5 IU/ml] an antibody test as described in the *Manual* with a positive result;

OR

5) have not been vaccinated against rabies or do not meet all the conditions set out in points 1), 2), 3) and 4) above; in such cases, the *importing country* may require the placing of the animals in a *quarantine station* located on its territory, in conformity with the conditions stipulated in its animal health legislation.

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[Note: For non-human primates, reference should be made to Chapter 2.10.1.]
